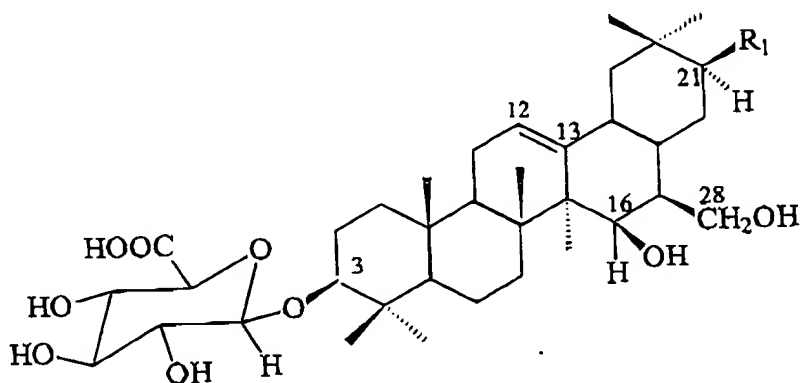


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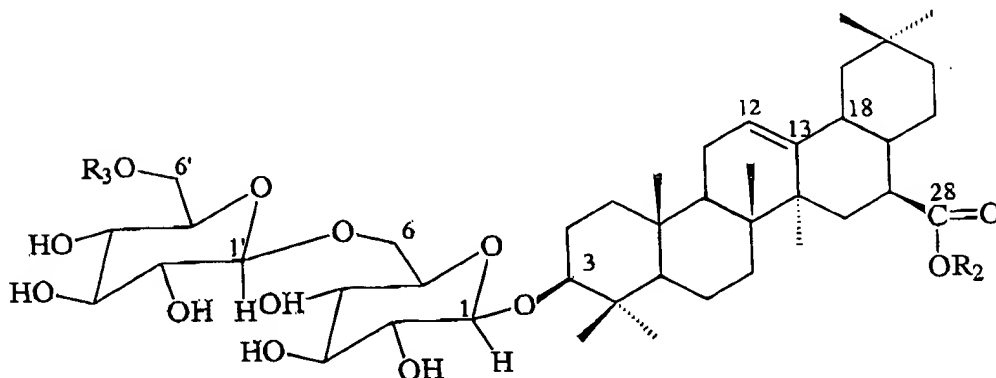
IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A gymnemic acid ~~Gymnemic Acid~~
derivative of general formula I or general formula II,



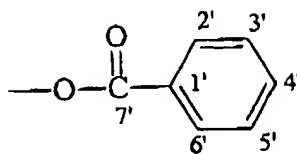
Formula I



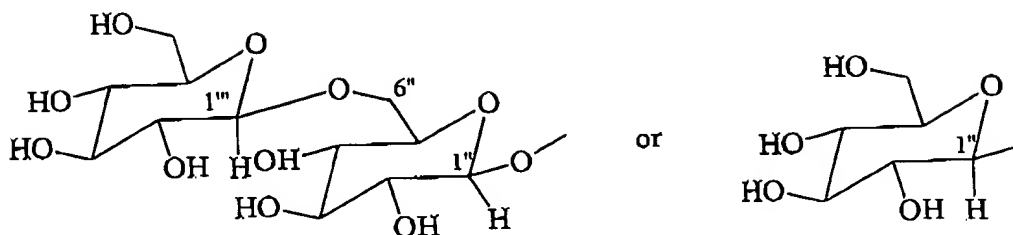
Formula II

wherein, R₁ is H or the radical represented by the following
formula

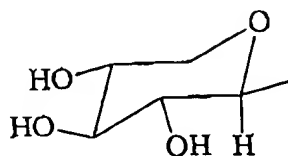
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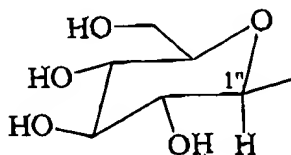
R_3 is H, and R_2 symbolizes the following radical, ~~or~~



or R_3 symbolizes the following radical,



R_2 is H or the following radical,

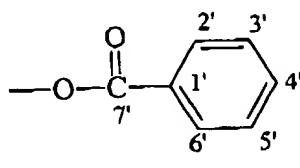


or a pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt thereof.

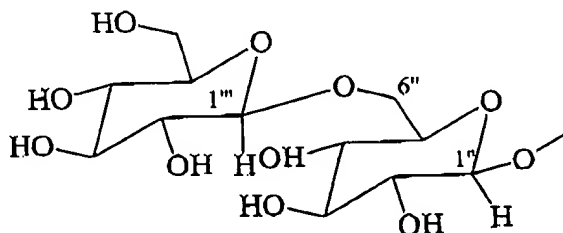
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2. (Currently Amended) The gymnemic acid derivative ~~Gymnemic Acid derivatives~~ of claim 1, wherein R₁ in formula I is hydrogen.

3. (Currently Amended) The gymnemic acid derivative ~~Gymnemic Acid derivatives~~ of claim 1, wherein R₁ in formula I is a group of the formula:

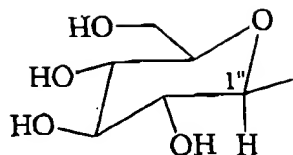


4. (Currently Amended) The gymnemic acid derivative ~~Gymnemic Acid derivatives~~ of claim 1, wherein R₃ in formula II is hydrogen, R₂ is group of formula:

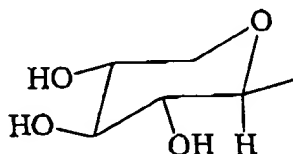


5. (Currently Amended) The gymnemic acid derivative ~~Gymnemic Acid derivatives~~ of claim 1, wherein R₃ in formula II is hydrogen, R₂ is group of formula:

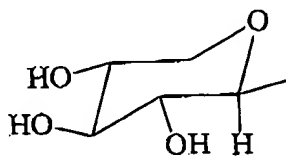
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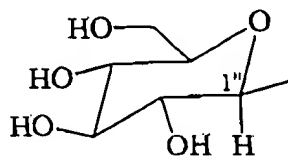
6. (Currently Amended) The gymnemic acid derivative ~~Gymnemic Acid~~ derivatives of claim 1, wherein R_2 in formula II is hydrogen, R_3 is group of formula:



7. (Currently Amended) The gymnemic acid derivative ~~Gymnemic Acid~~ derivatives of claim 1, wherein R_3 in formula II is group of formula



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 R_2 is group of formula:



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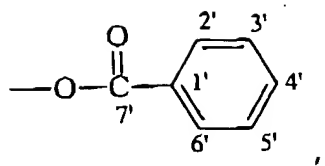
8. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical ~~Pharmaceutical~~ composition which contains at least one kind of ~~Gymnemic Acid~~ gymnemic acid derivative of formula I and/or II of claim 1 or pharmaceutical base addition salt thereof as active ingredient, a pharmaceutical carrier and an excipient.

9. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical ~~Pharmaceutical~~ composition ~~for the prevention or treatment of the diseases associated with hyperglycemia, hyperlipidemia and platelets aggregation,~~ which contains at least one kind of ~~Gymnemic Acid~~ gymnemic acid derivative of formula I and/or II of claim 1 or pharmaceutical base addition salt thereof as a an active ingredient, a pharmaceutical carrier and an excipient.

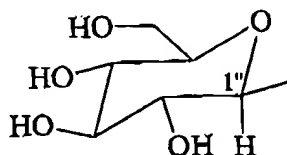
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10. (Previously Amended) ~~A composition~~ The derivative of claim 1, which contains ~~Gymnemic~~ the gymnemic Acid derivative of formula I and/or II, wherein based on the weight of the composition, the ~~contents~~ amount of compounds A,B,C,D,E and F is 1.25-2.10% compound A, 0.89-1.50% compound B, 2.40-3.80% compound C, 2.10-3.40% compound D, 2.74-4.60% compound E and 3.24-5.40% compound F, wherein
A is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula I where R₁ is H,
B is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula I where R₁ is the
following group

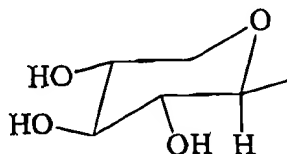
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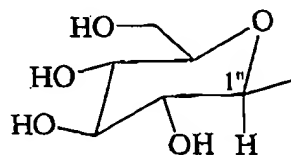
C is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R_3 is H and R_2 is the following group



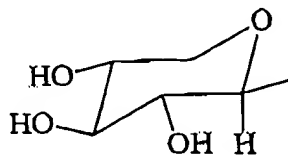
D is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R_2 is H and R_3 is the following group



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E is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R_2 is the following group



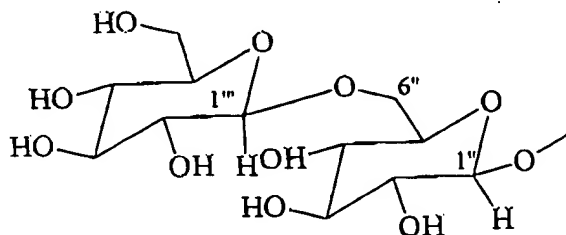
and R_3 is the following group



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F is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R₃ is H and R₂ is the following group



11. (Currently Amended) A An extract of Gymnema sylvestre.R.Br which contains 12.5-40wt% ~~Gymnemic~~ gymnemic acid derivatives of formula I and formula II of claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of Gymnemic Acid derivative of formula I and II or the extract containing Gymnemic Acid derivative of formula I and II for the manufacture of medicament~~ A method for the prevention or treatment of the diseases and conditions associated with hyperglycemia, hyperlipidemia and platelets aggregation, which comprises:

administering to a patient in need thereof an effective dose of the gymnemic acid derivative of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of the preparation of Gymnemic Acid derivative of formula I and II of claim 1 or a

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pharmaceutical base addition salt hereof, which includes the following steps:

a) extracting the plant *Gymnema* cane with ethanol under reflux and then concentrating;

b) extracting concentrated liquid in step a) with cyclohexane, then extracting with n-butanol, concentrating to dryness under reduced pressure, and then obtaining an ointment;

c) subjecting the ointment in step b) to silica column chromatography with ~~elute as~~ as eluant chloroform: methanol=90:10-50:5 or 90:10-60:40, obtaining *Gymnemic* acid derivative of formula I and residue;

d) subjecting the residue in step c) to C_{18} column chromatography with ~~methal/water~~ methanol/water (20/80-40/60), obtaining ~~Gymnemic~~ the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II; and

e) ~~if desired,~~ converting the obtained ~~Gymnemic~~ gymnemic acid derivative of formula I or II into pharmaceutical base addition salt with inorganic or organic base.

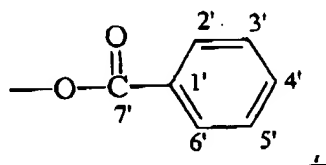
14. (Currently Amended) ~~A composition~~ The derivative of claim 2, which contains ~~Gymnemic Acid~~ the gymnemic acid derivative of formula I and/or II, wherein based on the weight of the composition, the ~~contents~~ amount of compounds A,B,C,D,E and F is 1.25-2.10% compound A, 0.89-1.50% compound B, 2.40-3.80% compound

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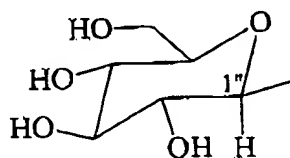
C, 2.10-3.40% compound D, 2.74-4.60% compound E and 3.24-5.40% compound F, wherein

A is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula I where R_1 is H,

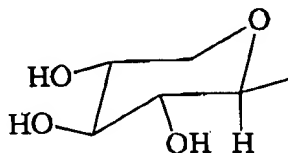
B is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula I where R_1 is the following group



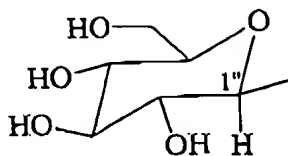
C is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R_3 is H and R_2 is the following group



D is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R_2 is H and R_3 is the following group

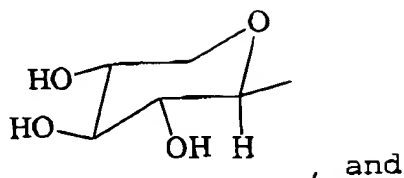


E is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R_2 is the following group

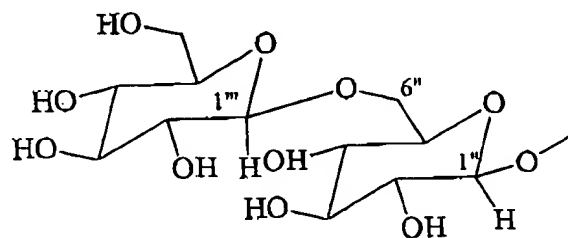


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and R_3 is the following group



F is the gymnemic acid derivative of formula II where R_3 is H and R_2 is the following group



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